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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3271

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY

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SUBJ: ERITREAN ARRESTS

1. OVER PAST TWO WEEKS SECURITY SQUADS HAVE ARRESTED AN INCREAS-  
ING NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING PROMINENT CITIZENS. A MEMBER OF  
THE COMMITTEE OF 38 SAID THAT SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE  
BEEN ARRESTED, IN ADDITION TO 8 PROVINCIAL GOV'T OFFICIALS. ON  
11 MARCH DEJ GHEBREYOHANNES TEFAMARIAM, MEMBER OF ERITREAN PRO-  
VINCIAL COUNCIL, WAS ARRESTED. DEJ GHEBREYOHANNES, A FOUNDER OF  
THE UNION PARTY, HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE ERITREAN POLICY OF  
THE EPMG. A LOCAL SOURCE SAID HE WAS ARRESTED FOR SELLING HIS  
DAIRY CATTLE WITHOUT GOV'T PERMISSION. HIS FARM, WHICH IS LOCATED  
10 KM SW OF ASMARA, WAS A SOURCE OF FOOD FOR TROOPS. ALSO ON  
11 MARCH THREE MD'S WERE ARRESTED FROM ITEGUE MENON HOSP. THE  
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MD'S AND DEJ GHEBREYOHANNES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ADDIS ABABA. ON  
15 MARCH, DR GHIRMAI BERHE, DIR GEN OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN ERITREA,  
TOLD CONSOFF THE 3 MD'S HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ADDIS ABABA.  
COMMENT: CONSOFF HAD IMPRESSION THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO PREVENT  
THEIR DEFECTION TO ELF. END COMMENT.

2. ON 10 MARCH, THE BODY OF A LOCAL ERITREAN BUSINESSMAN WAS  
FOUND IN AN EMPTY LOT NEAR THE NYALA HOTEL. SEVERAL SOURCES SAID  
HE HAD EARLIER BEEN ARRESTED AND RELEASED BY SECURITY PATROLS,  
AND SUSPECT THAT SECURITY PATROL HAD A HAND IN HIS DEATH.  
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